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SUBJ: CURRENT REACTION SOLZHENITSYN

1. POLITIKEN (RADICAL INDEPENDENT) HAS BY WIDE MARGIN GIVEN GRATEST COVERAGE TO "GULAG ARCHIPELAGO." PAPER HAS PURCHASED EXCLUSIVE SERIALIZATION RIGHTS FOR DENMARK AND HAS ALREADY PUBLISHED TWO LENGTHY EXTRACTS IN DANISH TRANSLATION JANUARY 16 INSTALLMENT ILLUSTRATED WITH 4-COLUMN FROMTPAGE PHOTO LUBLIANKA PRISON AND HALF-PAGE MAP INSIDE SHOWING ROUTES OF 12 MAJOR DEPORTATIONS OF ETHNIC OR POLITICAL GROUPS BETWEEN 1932 AND 1947. MAP ALSO PINPOINTS LOCATION DOZENS OF LABOR CAMPS. POLITIKEN HAS ALSO CARRIED WASHINGTON POST STORY ON AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO WAS IMPRISONED IN "GULAG" CAMP, PLUS SERVERAL COMMENTARIES.

2. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (CONSERVATIVE INDEPENDENT) DEVOTED LENGTHY STORY BY ITS MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT TO WESTERN RADIO STATIONS (SPECIFICALLY VOA, DEUTSCHE WELLE, BBC) WHICH BROADCAST PARTS OF BOOK BACK TO USSR.

3. COVERAGE IN MORE LEFTIST PAPERS PREDICTABLY LESS EXTENSIVE. INFORMATION (INDEPENDENT) HA VIRTUALLY IGNORED STORY. AAKTUELT (SOCIAL DEMOCRAT) WEDNESDAY HEADLINES "HAS SOLZHENITSYN GONE TOO FAR THIS TIME?" SOTRY IS ROUNDUP OF REACTION TO BOOK BY BOTH COMMUNIST AND NONCOMMUNIST JOURNALISTS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

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4. FULL TEXT OF "GULAG ARCHIPELAGO" WILL BE PUBLISHED IN DENMARK

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